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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket	06510-105CP2
	First Named Inventor	Farese
	Application Number	10/040,315
	Filing Date	October 29, 2001
	Group Art Unit	1632
	Examiner Name	Unassigned
	Title	Diacylglycerol O-Acyltransferase

Sir:

Prior to Examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 30 to 65 without prejudice to renewal.

REMARKS

In the above preliminary amendment, Claims 30 to 65 are canceled without prejudice to renewal. The Applicants are canceling these claims solely to reduce the filing fee due at this time. As such, the above action by the Applicants must not be construed as a narrowing of the claimed invention or any type of acquiescence by the Applicants that any of the originally claimed subject matter is not patentable. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in one or more continuation/divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.